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REMARKS

Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 5 to respectively recite the features in claims 4 and 8. Claims 4 and 8 have been currently cancelled.

In the foregoing amended claims, the non-fitting surfaces extend over a distance of at least one lead axially inward from the two opposite axial ends of said rolling way. This means that the non-fitting surfaces at both ends are intended but not just a rounded corner.

The Advisory Action states "*the rounded opposite end, shown but not discussed by Kato (emphasis added)*". Applicants respectfully disagree.

1. Kato only discloses one end with tapered end. However, Kato does not disclose the opposite end by also a tapered shape. In all drawings of Kato, Applicants cannot find any place, at which a rounded corner at the region A is shown. *Kato (col. 3, line 65 – col. 4, line 2) clearly intends to have the fit contact at region A and B while region C has no contact.*

Therefore, Kato never expect to have the non-fitting surface at the A region.

2. Even if the *rounded opposite end* in Kato is shown as stated by the Advisory Action, the rounded opposite end does not equal to an intended non-fitting surface as recited in currently amended claims 1 and 5. It should be known that the "*rounded opposite end*" of Kato is just a rounded corner or a chamfer. The *rounded opposite end* at region A does not produce the non-fitting surface of the present invention in operation.

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It is believed that the newly amended claims 1 and 5 have been distinguishable over prior art references.

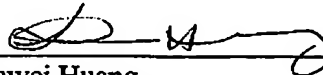
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 1-3, 5-7, and 9-11 the invention patently define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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